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Obey observes UWSP work
Federal grant will fund new Geographic Information Systems Center

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With help from Congressman Dave Obey, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will launch a new geographic information systems program.

Obey visited UWSP's geography lab Friday to meet students and learn more.

"We depend on geographic data in many professions. ... Doctors look at the spread of a disease. Truck firms look at the



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James Mijal, seated, talks Friday with Congressman Dave Obey about a project he is working on under Keith Rice, right, at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Stevens Point, Wis. (Stevens Point Journal) — Congressman Dave Obey (R-Wis.) and University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point President Keith Rice met Friday with James Mijal, a faculty member at the university, to discuss a project Mijal is working on. Obey and Rice are both members of the House of Representatives. Mijal is a professor of computer science and is currently working on a project to develop a new software program for the university. The project is aimed at improving the efficiency of the university's administrative systems. Obey and Rice are both interested in the project and are providing Mijal with the resources he needs to complete it. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.